

POLICE WILL PROBE BEATING OF AGED MAN BY CLERK AT SALVATION ARMY HOTEL

Conditions in Salvation Army hotels of Chicago are in for a police quiz as the result of what happened to John Burns, a homeless old fellow who sought shelter in one of the Salvation Army places at 1011 S. State st. early today.

Burns lies in St. Luke's hospital near death with a fractured skull and a dozen other injuries. Charles Kramer, clerk in the hotel, is under arrest, pending the outcome of Burns' hurts.

According to Lieut. J. J. McMahon of the S. Clark st. station, Burns, a 65-year-old man, went into the hotel at 1:30 this morning and seemed to get into an argument with the clerk and a fight started. Burns was knocked down a flight of stairs.

Kramer, the clerk, was taken to the hospital and Burns identified him as the assailant. He was then removed to a cell.

"While we seldom hear of men being beaten by employes of these hotels," said Lieut. McMahon, "we are careful to keep a watch on them. Men who come to such hotels for a night's rest are often feeble from want of proper food and medical attention. They must not be abused.

"We do not intend to let any brutal employes beat these homeless old men. Most of them are respectable men, who have been unfortunate or improvident."

GET SPECIAL PERMIT

The Bal Tabarin in the Hotel Sherman; the S. C. H. club, Kaiserhof hotel; Berlin Dancing club, Bismarck hotel; Danseuses Chantierier, Green Mill Gardens, and Palais de Dance, Bismarck Gardens, were granted special bar permits to sell booze until 3 a. m. New Year's morning by City Collector Forsberg today. The Stratford was refused such a license.

WAIT FOR CARRANZA'S REPLY ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL

Washington, Dec. 27.—The U. S. gov't will wait a day or two for Carranza's answer on the troop withdrawal protocol.

Though yesterday was the last day of grace in which he could sign, authorities explained transmission difficulties may have delayed his reply. The general feeling is that Carranza will come to terms in an eleventh-hour reply. If he does not, the American-Mexican peace com'n will be automatically ended.

Then, according to the views of army men, Pershing's soldiers will remain planted in Mexico and the 75,000 guardsmen retained at the border.

BARTENDER SHOT TO DEATH

Albert Jackson, bartender in saloon at 4812 Broadway, was instantly killed when shot through the chest last night at the saloon. Police arrested Gilmore Lindsey, janitor at 908 Wilson av., and Oscar Steino, 1045 Wilson av. Both negroes. Lindsey had a rifle equipped with a Maxim silencer.

The two men had trouble Saturday night with Jackson. Last night he ordered them out a second time. Shortly after a brick crashed through the window of the saloon. Jackson ran out in front and was shot. There was just a flash of flame—no report.

In a statement late today, Gilmore Lindsay, negro janitor, accused Oscar Steino, a friend, of the murder of Jackson.

SAY NIX ON REDUCTION

All city dep't heads are on record against proposed 14 per cent reduction in city budget now before the finance committee. They told the committee yesterday the cut would mean less policemen, firemen, health and smoke inspectors.